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Week of October 9 – October 15, 2006

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler week with more moisture.

Weather conditions slow crop harvest.

Alfalfa third cutting virtually complete.

Below normal temperatures covered the entire State last week with the exception of Big Piney. High temperatures were in the low 60's to low 80's. Low temperatures were mostly in the upper teen's to low 30's. Above normal precipitation was reported across the majority of the State. High mountain snow cover looked good in the Southwest. Accumulative precipitation for the year remained well below normal in nearly all areas.

Recent moisture was not enough to replenish topsoil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture was rated adequate to surplus in 33 percent of the State, down 6 points from last week. Subsoil moisture remained very short in almost half of the State. Field work and harvest activity continued but were delayed due to rain and snowfall in many areas.

SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	17	16	13	28
Short	50	45	27	39
Adeq	32	38	56	32
Surp	1	1	4	1

Subsoil	This Week	Two Weeks Ago	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	46	48	21	38
Short	37	35	41	42
Adeq	17	17	36	20
Surp	0	0	2	0

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wht Emerged	95	90	100	96
Sugarbeet Harvested	33	21	18	39
Corn Dent	91	85	99	98
Corn Mature	69	50	83	84
Corn Harvested	16	8	22	23
Dry Beans Windrowed	93	91	97	97
Dry Beans Combined	79	72	86	86
Alfalfa Third Cutting	95	88	81	83

FIELD CROP REPORT: An average of 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork during the past week. Ninety-five percent of the winter wheat crop had emerged, just 1 point off the average pace. Condition of the winter wheat remained steady with two-thirds rated in good condition. The Northeast was mostly fair.

Wet weather slowed crop progress last week. The finish of dry bean windrowing was stalled with 93 percent done, 4 points behind the average pace. Producers were 79 percent through combining, 7 points behind the average pace. Corn development was behind the average pace with 91 percent dented and 69 percent mature, compared with the averages of 98 and 84 percent. Corn harvest was slow and, at 16 percent, slipped a little further behind average. Corn condition held steady with 55 percent rated in good or excellent condition. Sugarbeet harvest made some progress with 33 percent harvested, 15 points ahead of last year, but it fell 6 points behind the average pace. Over two-thirds of the sugarbeet crop remained in good condition. Producers able to get a third cutting of alfalfa were 95 percent complete by week's end.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

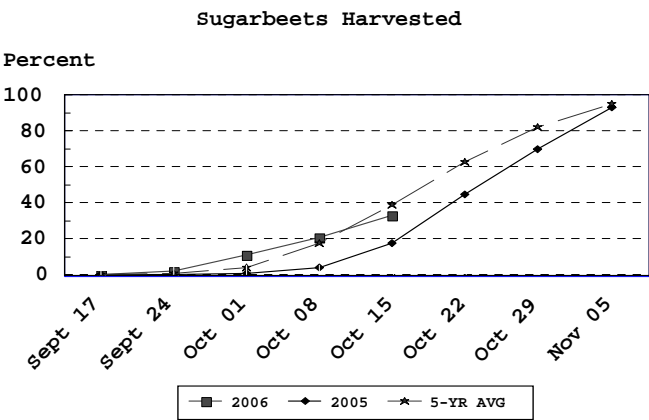
Item	V Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	1	33	66	0
Corn	1	9	35	51	4
Sugarbeets	5	9	18	68	0

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Welcome moisture aided cool season grasses and stock ponds. Ten percent of the pasture and range feed supplies were rated in good condition, 1 point better than last week. Thirty-seven percent remained in very poor condition. Stock water supplies were adequate in 44 percent of the State, compared with 39 percent two weeks ago.

PASTURE AND RANGE FEED

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	37	39	5	27
Poor	25	23	17	25
Fair	28	29	31	27
Good	10	9	43	19
Excellent	0	0	4	2

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week ending Friday, October 13th averaged from 6.9 degrees below normal in Kaycee to 2.5 degrees above normal in Big Piney. The high temperature was 81 in Sundance and Torrington while the low was 16 in Newcastle. All reporting stations recorded moisture although Laramie only had a trace. Most amounts were above normal. The most precipitation was reported in Greybull with 0.68 inches, Lander with 0.67 inches, and Afton with 0.66 inches.



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 13, 2006

TEMPERATURE			:	PRECIPITATION					
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			:	:	:	:	:	NORM :	
			:	DEP.	AMT.	DEP.	1/06	THRU : DEP.	
			:	FROM	PAST	FROM	TO	CURR : FROM	
STATION :	MAX :	MIN :	NORM :	WEEK :	NORM :	DATE :	WEEK :	NORM :	

SNAKE DRAINAGE									
Afton	63	26	-1.4	0.66	0.33	10.90	14.59	-3.69	
GREEN & BEAR DRAINAGE									
Uinta County AP	62	28	-2.9	0.16	-0.07	8.68	9.21	-0.53	
Big Piney AP	62	23	2.5	0.23	0.09	5.26	6.45	-1.19	
Rock Springs AP	62	25	-2.6	0.04	-0.13	4.86	7.68	-2.82	
BIG HORN DRAINAGE									
Cody	65	28	-4.1	0.58	0.38	8.18	9.60	-1.42	
Deaver	74	29	-3.2	0.58	0.49	4.36	5.09	-0.73	
Greybull AP	65	31	-3.4	0.68	0.55	4.34	6.51	-2.17	
Powell Field St	71	27	-3.3	0.53	0.40	2/			
Worland FAA AP	67	30	-2.6	0.26	0.09	3.83	7.01	-3.18	
POWDER, LITTLE MO. & TONGUE DRAINAGE									
Kaycee	71	25	-6.9	0.32	0.04	7.47	11.79	-4.32	
Sheridan WSO AP	75	30	-1.9	0.52	0.22	8.95	12.58	-3.63	
BELLE FOURCHE DRAINAGE									
Dillinger	73	17	-6.6	0.33	0.06	11.32	12.97	-1.65	
Sundance	81	17	-5.5	0.05	-0.29	19.91	16.41	3.50	
CHEYENNE & NIOBRARA DRAINAGE									
Newcastle	80	16	-6.2	0.08	-0.20	12.89	14.19	-1.30	
Redbird	77	19	-4.6	0.18	-0.06	11.68	13.98	-2.30	
LOWER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Casper AP	67	26	-3.3	0.27	0.03	12.03	11.00	1.03	
Cheyenne AP	74	28	-2.4	0.22	0.04	10.20	14.03	-3.83	
Chugwater	78	24	-4.1	0.23	0.02	9.72	13.91	-4.19	
Douglas AP	73	26	-3.9	0.17	0.01	7.56	11.07	-3.51	
Torrington AP	81	28	-2.9	0.28	0.06	7.77	12.44	-4.67	
Wheatland 4 N	75	26	-5.4	0.26	0.05	8.02	11.84	-3.82	
WIND RIVER DRAINAGE									
Lander AP	66	31	-1.7	0.67	0.37	5.62	11.08	-5.46	
Riverton AP	66	29	-0.1	0.17	-0.01	3.72	7.49	-3.77	
UPPER PLATTE DRAINAGE									
Laramie AP	61	24	-2.1	T	-0.17	6.50	9.88	-3.38	
Rawlins AP	61	28	-1.7	0.24	0.05	4.07	8.18	-4.11	
Saratoga	60	27	-1.9	0.27	0.06	7.00	8.63	-1.63	

BLANKS - INDICATE MISSING DATA.
AP - AIRPORT. T - TRACE. () - ESTIMATES.
1/LATE REPORTS CAN CHANGE PREVIOUS WEEK'S CUMULATIVE TOTALS.
2/MISSING DATA FOR TWO WEEKS IN JULY